Reports (DPRs), techno economic appraisal and preparation of model schemes on consultancy basis for the scheme. NABARD, Andhra Pradesh Regional Office has accordingly conducted two zonal level workshops for senior officers of commercial banks, cooperative banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Land Development Banks (LDBs) and state Government officials. Further, NABARD also organized 10 district level workshops for sensitizing branch managers from various banks and prospective entrepreneurs covering all districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Remunerative prices of crops

†5. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are not getting prices for their crops as per the cost of production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Generally the prices of major agricultural commodities have been higher than their costs of production during 2004-05. The Government has been pursuing Agricultural Price Policy under which Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for agricultural commodities are announced and purchase operations are organized through Public and Cooperative Agencies with the objective that the market prices do not fall below the MSPs fixed by the Government. It may be mentioned here that the Government fixes the MSPs on the basis of the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). In addition to cost of production of agricultural commodities, CACP considers several other relevant factors like trends in production and productivity of different crops across States, demand supply situation, price trends both at home and abroad, terms of trade between agriculture and non-agricultural sectors, need for crops diversification, resource use efficiency and food security.

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